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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Venue of the first session of the Conference of the Parties

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243,

Noting with appreciation and satisfaction the invitation of the Government of Italy to host the first session of the Conference of the Parties in Rome, Italy,

Noting also the offer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of services and facilities for the first session of the Conference of the Parties,

1. Decides to accept the invitation of the Government of Italy and the offer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

2. Decides also that the venue of the first session of the Conference of the Parties shall be Rome, Italy, dates for which will be determined at a later stage.

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Maintenance of the interim arrangements to support the Convention beyond the first COP

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 49/234,

1. Recommends to the General Assembly to maintain the arrangements within the current programme budget for the interim secretariat of the INCD to support the Convention until 31 December 1998 and to maintain the Extrabudgetary Funds;

2. Recommends also in the same context to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997-1998 the sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies that the Conference may need to convene.

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Organization of the future work of the Committee

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995,

Taking into account the need for an efficient preparation of the first session of the Conference of the Parties,

Noting that the first session of the Conference of the Parties will be held not earlier than September 1997,

1. Decides that the tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should aim at finalizing all outstanding negotiating issues and that the negotiations of the two working group should be concluded at that session;

2. Further decides that the programme of work of the tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee be structured in such a way that there will be sufficient time for groups consultations in the very beginning of the session;

3. Authorizes the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to organize such consultations in the period after the tenth session of the Committee, which he deems necessary for the appropriate preparation of the first Conference of the Parties.

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